

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 and 9-24 are pending. Please amend claims 1, 9, 13, 17 and 21, and enter new claims 25-31 as shown in the below listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:

at least one base station; and

at least one database comprising representations of rules for restriction on features of at least one terminal wirelessly connected to the at least one base station, wherein ~~whether the rules apply depends at least on whether the at least one terminal is wirelessly connected to the at least one base station but otherwise does not depend on the location of the at least one terminal~~ the restriction for at least one of the at least one terminal is dependent on the specific one of the at least one base station.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on the time of day.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on the priority of the at least one terminal.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is incoming or outgoing.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is designated as an emergency.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the terminal is a wireless telephone.

7. (Original) The system in claim 1, wherein the restriction on features is that the terminal may not ring.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

determining which one of a plurality of terminals is associated with an incoming communication;

accessing at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on a base station connected to the one of a plurality of terminals, the restriction on the base station being independent of the specific identity of the one of a plurality of terminals;

activating the one of a plurality of terminals if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the base station.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of accessing the at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on the one of a plurality of terminals, and wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the one of a plurality of terminals.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance does not depend on the location of the at least one terminal.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the restriction on the base station is time-dependant time-dependent.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance depends at least on the format of communication.

15. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the one of a plurality of terminals is a wireless telephone.

16. (Original) The system in claim 9, wherein the restriction on the base station is that the base station may not cause the one of a plurality of terminals to ring.

17. (Currently amended) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

accessing at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on a base station receiving a signal from a terminal associated with a request for an outgoing communication, the restriction on the base station being independent of the specific identity of the one of a plurality of terminals; and

connecting the terminal for the outgoing communication if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the base station.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of accessing the at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on the terminal, and wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the terminal.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the terminal is inside a predetermined room.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the restriction on the base station is time-dependant time-dependent.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance depends at least on the format of communication.

23. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the terminal is a wireless telephone.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance does not depend on the location of terminal.

25. (New) The system in claim 1, wherein whether the rules apply depends at least on whether the at least one terminal is wirelessly connected to the at least one base station but otherwise does not depend on the location of the at least one terminal.

26. (New) The system in claim 1, wherein the restriction on features further depends on the specific at least one of the at least one terminal.

27. (New) The system in claim 1 wherein the restriction on features includes a restriction invoked by the at least one base station independent of the specific identity of the at least one terminal.

28. (New) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:
a plurality of base stations; and
at least one database, at least one of the databases comprising representations of rules for restriction on at least two of said plurality of base stations, the rules of restriction indicating whether or not the base station subjects a communication received by the base station to a restriction that is independent of the specific identity of the communication originating device and independent of the specific identity of the communication destination device, wherein at least one of the communication originating device and the communication destination device is a wireless terminal within a coverage area of the base station.

29. (New) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:
at least one base station; and

at least one database comprising representations of rules for restriction on features of at least one terminal wirelessly connected to the at least one base station, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is designated as an emergency.

30. (New) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

determining which one of a plurality of terminals is associated with an incoming communication;

accessing at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on a base station connected to the one of a plurality of terminals; and

activating the one of a plurality of terminals if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

31. (New) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

accessing at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on a base station receiving a signal from a terminal associated with a request for an outgoing communication; and

connecting the terminal for the outgoing communication if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.